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OBSERVATION REPORT #50

KPMG observed that the file names of certain billing files sent via NDM by Bell Atlantic differ from the agreed upon file naming convention.

<u>Issue</u>

Carrier Access Billing System (CABS) files are sent to KPMG with the following naming convention:

RBOC CABS State . AECN . BillDate . UID

For example,
BACABSMA.URNK.20000106.02727141100002a000

KPMG has observed that several CABS billing files have an incorrect file name given the bill date[1] of the bill enclosed in the file:

#	Bill Date	CABS File Name
1	12/31/99	BACABSMA.RNKU.1999XXXX.22352111100002a000
2	12/04/99	BACABSMA.ZKPM.19991104.25443141219991a000
3	12/06/99	BACABSMA.ZKPM.19991104.30002160100002a000
4	11/06/99	BACABSMA.ZKPM.19991104.81212103219991a000
5	01/04/00	BACABSMA.ZKPM.19991104.93557101100002a000
6	02/04/00	BACABSMA.ZKPM.20000104.22947111200002a000
7	01/15/00	BACABSMA.ZPSC.19991231.05426182100002a000
8	12/31/99	BACABSMA.ZPSC.1999XXXX.63952111100002a000
9	01/15/00	BACABSMA.ZTPS.19991231.25426182100002a000
10	12/31/00	BACABSMA.ZTPS.1999XXXX.32203111100002a000

<u>Assessment</u>

CLECs, believing the naming convention to be correct, cannot accurately determine the timeliness of bill delivery with respect to the bill date without opening the file. In addition, a CLEC may process the file, believing it is for one bill date when it is actually for another. As a result, the CLEC could generate bills for an incorrect month or in an untimely manner.

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[1] Bill date is expressed as YYYYMMDD.